II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

The internal configuration of a computer, including connection and orientation of the processor, memory, and input/output devices, is well known in the art. The present invention is a methodology that can be embodied in a computer program. Referring to FIG. 2, the methodology of the present invention is implemented on software by Character Conversion Program (CCP) 200. CCP 200 described herein can be stored within the memory of any computer depicted in FIG. 1. Alternatively, CCP 200 can be stored in an external storage device such as a removable disk or a CD-ROM. Memory 100 is illustrative of the memory within one of the computers of FIG. 1. Memory 100 also contains Unicode Translator Program 102 and Simplified Chinese / Traditional Chinese Conversion Table 104. The present invention may interface with Unicode Translator Program 102 and Simplified Chinese / Traditional Chinese Conversion Table 104 through memory 100. As part of the present invention, the memory 100 can be configured with CCP 200. Processor 106 can execute the instructions contained in CCP 200. Persons skilled in the art are aware that a computer program such as CCP 200 can be embodied as a program product on a computer-usable medium such as a removable disk or a CD-ROM or as a download to a computer storage such as Memory 100.

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III. REMARKS

1.　　Double Patenting. Claims 1-30 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory

obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16, and 30-45 of

copending Application No. 10/617,526. Applicant submits that the double patenting rejection is

premature as the claims have not been finalized.

2.　　Claim rejections 35 USC 112.

The examiner rejected claims 16-30 as being indefinite for failing to particularly

point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

The examiner stated that the phrases "program product" and "computer-usable medium" were

not defined in the specification. Applicant has amended the specification to add "[p]ersons

skilled in the art are aware that a computer program such as CCP 200 can be embodied as a

program product on a computer-usable medium such as a removable disk or a CD-ROM or as a

download to a computer storage such as Memory 100."

3.　　Claim rejections 35 USC 101(a).

The examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-21, 23-28, and 30 because the claimed

invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter because the claims do not result in a physical

transformation or produce a tangible result. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8, 16,

and 23, *inter alia*, to provide a display "in response to an activation of a single control."

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4.   Claim rejections 35 USC 102(b).

The examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-19, 21-26, and 28 as being anticipated by

http://web.archive.org/web/20001204034200/http://www.mandarintools.com/.

The web site referenced by the examiner does not provide a display in response to an activation of a single control as recited in each of the amended independent claims. Support for the amendment is found in the specification paragraph beginning on page 9, line 19 to page 11, line 6. Specifically, the user need only "click submit button 304 to determine the Simplified Chinese character equivalent for the Traditional Chinese character." (page 10, lines 12-13) Mandarintools, on the other hand requires several clicks, or the activation of several controls, before a result can be obtained. On page 1 of the Chinese-English Dictionary graphical user interface, Mandarintools requires entry of the search term and selection from menus in three additional windows before activating the "Look It UP!" button. The four windows are "Search," "as," "Output as," and "Look for." In contrast, applicant's translation tool performs the task in one step with the identification of the input character type taking place automatically. Therefore, applicant's claimed invention eliminates steps for the user and distinguishes over Mandarintools.

5.   Claim rejections 35 USC 103(a).

The examiner rejected claims 5, 12, 20, and 27 as being unpatentable over

http://web.archive.org/web/20001204034200/http://www.mandarintools.com/ in view of Hughes ("11CT3 Computer Science Sampler Paper 1", 1998, University of Dublin).

Applicant submits that the amended claims overcome the 35 USC 103(a) rejection for the same reasons as set forth in paragraph 4 above.

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